



The Florida Society of the  
Sons of the American Revolution  
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## Richard Montgomery



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Mission Statement: The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, and educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.



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## From the President,

Dear CFLSAR Compatriots,

**Mark your calendar: Winter Park Elks Club  
Saturday, September 13**

### First Chapter Meeting of the Year

If it's been a while since you've joined us, this is the perfect time to reconnect. Come meet fellow members, share in the camaraderie, and help shape a meaningful year of remembrance and celebration.

With the 250th anniversary of American independence approaching, there's never been a better time to reflect on what it means to be an American. Let's make this milestone year one to remember—together.

Patriotically Yours,

Central Florida Chapter SAR



49<sup>th</sup> Chapter President (2025 – 2027)

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### ---OPEN POSITIONS---

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Recording Secretary, Genealogist,  
Registrar, Webmaster

*If you are interested in any of the above vacant positions, please contact one of the officers and let him know.*

***Volunteer today and make your Patriot proud.***



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**Committee News,**  
**CFLSAR Committees**

The following are chapter committees. Some are in need of Chairmen, all of them are in need of members.

**AMERICA 250 COMMITTEE** – Robin Preston  
Chairman

We need volunteers, who need America 250 points, to present the America 250 minutes during the next year. If you present the short A250 minute you get 10 points, and being at the meeting will score you an extra 3 points, for a total of 13.

**FLAG COMMITTEE** – Chairman Randal Allen

The Flag Committee is the custodian of the Chapter flags, except those flags assigned to the Chapter Color Guard.

The Flag Committee shall present SAR Flag Certificates to homeowners and business owners that have noteworthy American Flag displays.

The Flag Committee shall present SAR Flag Certificates to homeowners and business owners that dispose of flags in the proper manner.

**NEW MEMBER COMMITTEE** – Chairman Milton Mersinger

**Committee News, continued**

**JROTC/ROTC COMMITTEE** – Chairman Phil Markoe  
Purpose - Provide patriotic outreach to the Senior and Junior ROTC programs which exist in Florida schools.

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE** – Chairman TBD  
This is the committee that arranges the meeting and program and as required, special meetings. There will be times when the program may be arranged by another member or committee of the Chapter such as the Patriots' Day, Law Enforcement, Eagle Scout, or National Defense (including ROTC), and Joseph S. Rumbaugh Oration Contest. If you are interested on being on this committee, please let Robin Preston, know.

**VETERANS COMMITTEE** – Chairman Phil Markoe

**YOUTH EDUCATION OUTREACH COMMITTEE** – Phil Markoe  
Chairman

He will try to run as many SAR youth programs as possible each season.

These programs include, but are not limited to the Eagle Scout Program, Joseph S Rumbaugh Oration Contest, George S & Stella M Knight Essay Contest, Sgt Moses Adams Memorial Middle School Brochure, Youth Video, Elementary School Poster, Car Activity Award, and Good Citizenship Awards.



**BECOME AN ACTIVE PART OF THE CHAPTER and  
JOIN A COMMITTEE TODAY. YOUR CHAPTER  
NEEDS YOU.**

**Make your Patriot Proud.**

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## America 250

With the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary (semiquincentennial) of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence coming in less than a year, we as a chapter, are likely going to be fairly busy. There is little doubt that we will be called upon to help support various semiquincentennial events. Now, more than ever, we can use as many volunteers as possible. If you are interested in volunteering for one of the chapter committees or the color guard by all means please let me or one of the other officers know.

By attending meetings or events in which the SAR America 250 flag is present and/or there is an America 250 related topic, you can earn points toward a Bronze, Silver, or Gold America 250 medal. Members and non-members are eligible to earn the medals.

As of August 24, we have the following distribution of medals within the chapter

### *Compatriots*

(13.6% of Chapter Membership have medaled)

- Bronze – 10
- Silver – 2
- Gold – 6

### *Non-Compatriots*

- Bronze – 1
- Silver – 2
- Gold – 2

Chris Washler, the FLSSAR President has thrown down the gauntlet and set a goal of the State Society being the number one state in the country in Gold Medals by the 2026 Spring Board of Management meeting. Currently Florida ranks 5<sup>th</sup> but we are only 20 Gold Medals behind first place Virginia.

Our chapter currently ranks third in the state with the number of people who have medaled. Hopefully we can get more people with medals before the anniversary next year. The easiest way to earn the medals is by attending meetings.

## Service to our Vets

Every year we scramble at the end of the year to get the USS Stark Memorial report completed. If you have done something in the service of a veteran or veterans, no matter how small you believe your contribution was, let us know anyway. Small contributions turn into big points by the end of the year. In 2024, contributions made by chapter members added up to over 22,000 points. We were the second ranked chapter in the state in total points. Please send an email to Phil Markoe and let him know what you have done.

Stark Report points are granted for the following types of service to Veterans.

1. Chapter member appointed to VA Hospital Council, Voluntary Service or Center for Development and Civic Engagement.
2. Each hour served in VA Hospital.
3. Each SAR Member visiting a Veteran in a Hospital, Nursing Home or private home, or taking one or more Veterans on an outing.
4. Each GIFT (personal care item) donated to Veterans
5. Each DOLLAR donated to a State Veterans Hospital or State Veterans Nursing Home, or other organization whose primary clients are Veterans.
6. Each PUBLICATION donated to Veterans organization whose primary clients are Veterans.
7. Participation in the SAR Wounded Warriors Program.
8. Activities recognizing or supporting Veterans in cooperation with other organizations.
9. A. Decorating Veterans' Graves and removing decorations. B. Participation in a Veteran's funeral
10. New or used men's and women's clothing donated to an organization whose primary clients are Veterans.
11. New or used but working items, such as TV's, Computers, etc., donated to an organization whose primary clients are Veterans.

2025 Points to date are 11,995.

*If you are a veteran and have not received a Service Medal, please let Robin Preston know so that we can get you the medal you deserve.*

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## Orlando Naturalization Ceremony

### Calendar for the remaining of 2025

- September 25 – 10:00 a.m.
- October 23 – 10:00 a.m.
- November 13 – 10:00 a.m.
- December 4 – 10:00 a.m.

### Location

[George C. Young Federal Annex Courthouse](#)  
Ceremonial Courtroom 3A  
401 West Central Boulevard  
[Orlando](#), FL 32801

You do not have to be in the color guard to attend. If you are in the color guard you will have to wait outside of the ceremony and greet the new citizens when they come out. If you do plan to attend one of the ceremonies remember to leave any electronics (including cell phone) in your vehicle. No electronics are allowed past security.



## HONOR FLIGHTS

Honor Flights are a great way to give back to Veterans who have given us so much. We are fortunate in the Orlando area in that we have Honor Flights arriving at two area airports; Orlando International and Orlando-Sanford International. Below are the scheduled flights for the remainder of the year.

Most flights arrive back from Washington D.C. at about 9:15 p.m. If you are attending an Honor Flight at Orlando International, Fast Park offers free parking and transportation to and from the airport. If you are attending an Honor Flight at the Sanford Airport, the airport offers free parking.

If you attend an Honor Flight in a colonial uniform it is worth 20 Color Guard points. As long as the America 250 flag is present it is worth 3 America 250 points if not in uniform and 8 America 250 points if you are in uniform.

### ORLANDO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mission #35 – Saturday September 20

### ORLANDO-SANFORD INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Mission #67 – Wednesday, October 1 - Allegiant

Mission #68 – Wednesday, October 29 – Allegiant



## Americanism Report

Every year, we as a chapter are supposed to submit a report letting the State and National Societies know what we have done throughout the year. We are graded in the following categories;

- Media Publicity,
- Speakers Bureau,
- CAR-DAR Support,
- Youth Programs,
- Public Service Programs,
- Historic Sites,
- Grave Markings,
- Color Guards,
- Medals and Awards
- National Society Service
- Membership
- Meeting Attendance.

The 2024 Americanism Report was submitted to the State and National Societies at the end of February. Total points in the twelve categories were 6,060.

A change made this year is keeping track of the Americanism points on a more real time basis instead of working to put the report together toward the end of the reporting period. As of August 24, we have accumulated **5,845** points toward the 2025 report.

## Mentoring Program

“Okay, I’m a member, now what do I do?” Exactly. What do you do? We need a mentoring program. Every new member of the chapter should have someone that can inform them about what is available to them in the SAR in general and the chapter in particular.

I would like for us to get to a point that when we learn of a new Compatriot in our chapter, that new Compatriot can be assigned a mentor. The mentor can supply them with the basics of SAR membership and can be consulted if there are questions during the first couple months of membership.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor to a new Compatriot, please let Milton Mersinger know.

## Looking for Something to Do?

### Non-Chapter Meetings or Events

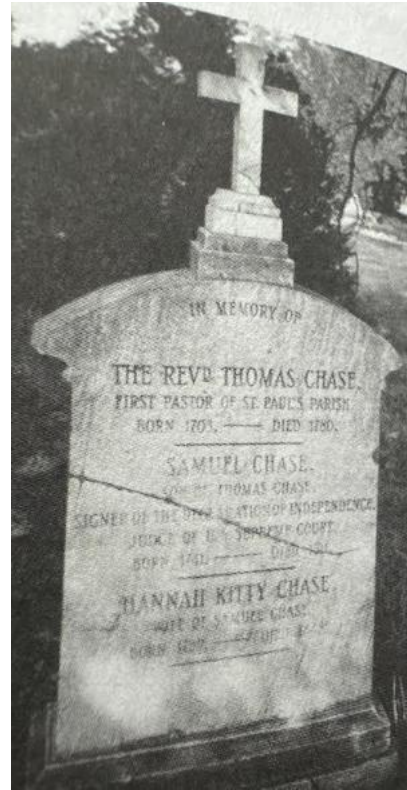
- September 4 – 7, 2025
  - ✓ DAR Fall Forum
- September 17, 2025
  - ✓ CFLSAR Book Club Mtg – 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.
  - ✓ *Benedict Arnold's Army: The 1775 Invasion of Canada* by Lefkowitz
- September 25, 2025
  - ✓ Orlando Naturalization Ceremony
  - ✓ See page 5 for more information
- Fri. Sat. October 17, 18, 2025
  - ✓ FLSSAR Fall Board of Management Meeting
  - ✓ Saturday night banquet – color guard
- Sat. December 6, 2025
  - ✓ 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lakeland DAR Chapter
  - ✓ Color Guard Event
- Sat. December 13, 2025
  - ✓ Wreaths Across America
- February 28, 2026
  - ✓ St. Augustine Liberty Tree Dedication
  - ✓ Color Guard Event
- Sat. March 5-8, 2026
  - ✓ DAR State Conference
- Sat. March 7, 2026
  - ✓ Last Naval Battle Commemoration
  - ✓ Color Guard Event
- Sat. March 14, 2026
  - ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Amphibious Assault Memorial Dedication
  - ✓ Color Guard Event
- Sat. March 28, 2026
  - ✓ Battle of Thomas Creek Commemoration
- Fri. Sat. May 8, 9, 2026
  - ✓ Battle of Pensacola Commemoration
  - ✓ Color Guard Event
- Sat. June 27, 2026
  - ✓ Battle of Alligator Creek Bridge Commemoration
  - ✓ Color Guard Event

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Compatriot Randal Allen is on a quest to visit the graves of all the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Recently, while on his quest, he came across the grave of Samuel Chase, a signer from Maryland. There was nothing to distinguish his grave from any other in the cemetery, no American flags or anything else. Randy sent a message to the local Chapter President suggesting they do a Patriot Grave Marking.

The grave marking will take place on October 4 from 10:00 to 11:00. It has been escalated from a chapter event to a state event. Randy plans on flying up for the ceremony.



This is how the grave of Samuel Chase looked when Jennifer Rudnick visited the grave and took photos for her book, *Search for the Signers*. Notice the cross on the top of the headstone.

We'll post an updated photo of the grave in the October newsletter.

If you are interested in making a Patriot Grave Marking contribution for Samuel Chase, make your check for \$60 out to ... Treasurer, John Eager Howard Chapter SAR ... and send to...

John M. Davidson  
7305 Castlemoor Road  
Baltimore, MD 21244

**NOTE:** Fifteen Patriot Grave Markings, either in person or via a \$60 contribution per grave will earn you a Patriot Grave Marking Medal.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE



If you receive an email from *Club Express* asking for your annual membership renewal **DON'T WORRY**. It is a legitimate request. You **ARE NOT** being scammed or phished. The CFLSAR Chapter along with many chapters in Florida and around the nation use *Club Express* for dues collection, webpage hosting, and other functions.

You **DO NOT** have to submit your dues via *Club Express* if you don't want to. You can submit your dues the old-fashioned way, via check.

There is a three-dollar (\$3.00) charge if you pay via *Club Express*. If you think about it, it is really only \$2.22 because you don't have to use a \$0.78 stamp.

Paying via *Club Express* is advantageous to the chapter, State, and National. At the chapter level, the treasurer is bypassed on the front end. The dues are split out and credited to the chapter, State, and National every ten days. If the dues are paid via *Club Express* the chapter treasurer no longer has to write checks to the State or National. Like the chapter, they get their money automatically every ten days.

*Club Express* will keep track of the compatriots who have paid and haven't paid. Regular notices will be sent to those who haven't paid reminding them to pay their dues.



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## CHAPTER MEETINGS

Winter Park Elks Club

4755 Howell Branch Road – Winter Park

- Sat, September 13, 2025 – 11:00am – 1:00 pm
- Sat, October 11, 2025 – 11:00am – 1:00 pm
- Wed, November 12, 2025 – 6:00pm – 8:00 pm
- Wed. December 10, 2025 – 6:00pm – 8:00 pm
- Sat. January 10, 2026 – 11:00am – 1:00 pm
- Sat. February 14, 2026 – 11:00am – 1:00 pm
- Wed. March 11, 2026 – 6:00pm – 8:00 pm
- Sat. April 11, 2026 – 11:00am – 1:00 pm
- Wed. May 13, 2026 – 6:00pm – 8:00pm

## Social Media

Facebook Page – [www.facebook.com/cflsar](http://www.facebook.com/cflsar)

The CFLSAR Facebook page has something new every day. Check out our page for yourself and get family and friends to check it out too.

Total Post since inception (15NOV2023) - **919**

Views since inception (15NOV2023) – **27,158**

Views in 2023 **403**

Views in 2024 – **8,515**

Views in 2025 – **18,240** (as of August 24)

Average views per day – **44**

Average views per post – **29.6**

Instagram Account Name - centralfloridasar

## September 13 Chapter Meeting

**Where:** Winter Park Elks Club  
4755 Howell Branch Road  
Winter Park

**Meal Cost:** \$25 per person (payable at the door)

**Speaker:** Randal Allen – Finding the Signer’s Graves

**Dress Code:** Business Casual

**If you plan to attend, please RSVP to:** Phil Markoe – by voice or text **407.332.7107** or by email at [markoevikingsfan@aol.com](mailto:markoevikingsfan@aol.com)

## SAR University

### Time to Learn about the SAR

All members are encouraged to complete the SAR University training. The training is broken down into two general sections; General Training and Officer Training.

The 20 modules that make up SAR University can be found on this link: [SAR University – National Society Sons of the American Revolution](#)

If you have completed the SAR University, please let Robin Preston know.

## CFLSAR Book Club

The book to be reviewed during the September meeting of the CFLSAR Book Club is *Benedict Arnold’s Army: The 1775 Invasion of Canada* by Lefkowitz. For questions, please contact Randal Allen.

Zoom call detail will be emailed out prior to the meeting.

The book for October is *March to Independence: The Revolutionary War in the Southern Colonies* by Cecere.

## Name our Newsletter

Now is your chance to name the newsletter for the chapter. Let’s name it something catchy that harkens back to the revolutionary days of old.

If you have a catchy name for the new newsletter, please send it to Robin Preston at [rlpreston0306@gmail.com](mailto:rlpreston0306@gmail.com).

Four names have been submitted to date; **The Bell Ringer, The Central Florida Gazette, The Town Crier** and **Poor Robin’s Newsletter**. We will vote on the name at the first fall meeting. If you can’t make the meeting send your vote via email to Robin Preston.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY COMPATRIOTS

It's time to PARTY. These Compatriots are celebrating a birthday during the next month!

August 25  
August 27  
August 28

John Thompson  
Robert Smither  
Arthur Bullock

September 3  
September 4  
September 5  
September 7  
September 13  
September 18  
September 19  
September 20  
September 20  
September 23  
September 26  
September 27  
September 29  
September 30

Andrew Showen  
Robert Davis  
Frederic Gaines IV  
Richard Davis  
Scott Bridgford  
Braxton Short  
Jackson Huff  
Timothy Jennings  
Richard Howe  
David Higley  
John Jenkins  
Andrew Showen  
John Poulson  
Mark Buckles

## AMERICA 250 Minute AUGUST 2025

The bloodiest day in U.S. history took place at the Battle of Antietam, during the American Civil War. There were 3,675 Americans killed and 17,301 wounded that day on both sides. The most Americans lost in a single day, during the American Revolution, was at the Battle of Camden on August 16, 1780. That day there were an estimated 240 Americans killed and another 810 wounded.

When you consider the percentage of the population killed, the American Revolutionary War saw about 0.33% of the population killed in battle. In contrast, the American Civil War saw about 0.68% of the population killed in combat. World War II had the largest number of Americans killed in combat, but it was only about 0.22% of the U.S. population. Proportionately, more Americans died in the American Revolution than in World War II. Twenty-seven times more Americans were killed in combat during World War II. There were 50.8 times more people in the US in 1940 than in the colonies in 1775.

About 230,000 men and possibly as many as one hundred women served on the American side, in combat positions. The most that ever served at one time was about 48,000. When the Continental Army was first put together almost half of the soldiers were from Massachusetts. Roughly 25% of the population was Tory and as many as fifty thousand of them also fought in the war. They served in provincial combat units as well as in some of the regular British army units.

It has been estimated that one in sixteen men of military age died during the American Revolution. In the Civil War, the number was one in ten. During World War II, the number was a lot better, one in seventy-five. Of those that served in the Continental Army, one in four died. During the Civil War, the number was one in five, and in World War II the number was one in forty.

A revolutionary soldier was supposed to be at least 16 years old. They could be as young as 15 if their parents consented. Most soldiers were between the ages of 18 and 25. There were people as young as 12 who served. Many of the really young were either drummers, runners, flag bearers, or in some other non-combatant role. Being a non-combatant didn't necessarily save one from being killed.

A person could sign up for the army until they were 55. There were cases of men in their sixties and seventies being privates. Samuel Whittemore, age 78, fought the British during their retreat from Lexington and Concord. He is believed to be the oldest combatant during the war.



## 250th Anniversary Celebration of the U.S. Navy & Marine Corps

Join us for a historic 3-day celebration honoring 250 years of service and sacrifice by the United States Navy and Marine Corps. This event will take place from **October 11-13, 2025**, with a variety of ceremonies, commemorations, and activities in Philadelphia, PA, including grave markings, a Navy-Marines ceremony, a special dinner, a battle commemoration, a parade, and a group tour of the Museum of the American Revolution. Don't miss this opportunity to honor the legacy of these two great military branches.

PHILADELPHIA CONTINENTAL CHAPTER SAR

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### 3-Patriot Grave Marking – Claxton, GA – 1:00 PM

October 12 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

- Sunday, October 12, 2025 at 1PM
  - 3-Patriot Grave Marking
    - Patriot Henry Holland, SAR P-183527
    - Solomon Yeomans, SAR P-325917
    - Simon Smith, SAR P-293098
- The Button Gwinnett Chapter SAR requesting the honor of your presence at the dedication of a grave marking event to honor these 3 Patriots.
- Location: Trinity Church of the Nazarene located at 3500 SR-169, Claxton (Evans County), Georgia 30417
- The Smith Family Reunion is being held that Sunday afternoon with dinner on the grounds after the grave marking event.
- By October 3, 2025, please contact Don McCarty at [donald\\_mccarty@bellsouth.net](mailto:donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net) or call his cell at (404) 218-6624, if you plan to present a wreath for your organization.

### 5 Patriot Grave Marking Dedication – Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery – 11:00 AM

November 1 @ 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

- Saturday, November 1, 2025 at 11AM
  - 5-Patriot Grave Marking
    - Patriot Thomas Cox, P-348804
    - Patriot Joseph Curbow, P-348805
    - Patriot Lewis Dishon, P-331778
    - Stephen Harris, P-176032
    - Patriot Jesse Herring, P-343664
- The Button Gwinnett Chapter, Blue Ridge Chapter, Joseph Habersham Chapter, Piedmont Chapter, Robert Forsyth Chapter, and Lyman Hall Chapter SAR requesting the honor of your presence at the dedication of grave marking event to honor these 5 Patriots.
- Location: City of Sugar Hill Historic Cemetery, which is across the street at the Sugar Hill City Hall at Sugar Hill City Hall, 5039 West Broad Street, Sugar Hill, GA 30518
- By October 25, 2025, please contact Don McCarty at [donald\\_mccarty@bellsouth.net](mailto:donald_mccarty@bellsouth.net) or call his cell at (404) 218-6624, if you plan to present a wreath for your organization.

### 4 Patriot Grave Marker Dedication – Elberton, GA – 10:00 AM

November 8 @ 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Samuel Elbert Chapter of the Georgia Society SAR is hosting Grave Marking Ceremonies for Patriots,

1. Patriot John Johnston, P-225768
2. Patriot Thomas Carter, P-129704
3. Patriot Moses Hunt, P-188254
4. Patriot John Cunningham, P-142299

Ceremonies to be held for all 4 at 1884 Coldwater Rd. Elberton, Ga 30635

Due to the accessibility of Carter, Hunt and Cunningham we will place the Patriot markers for these, photo the markers and unveil these at the appropriate time in the ceremony.

Location: 1884 Coldwater Rd. Elberton, Ga 30635 GPS 34.22477, -82.83081

Date and Time: November 8, 2025 10:00 AM

Please contact Russell B. Terrell at [rterrell58@gmail.com](mailto:rterrell58@gmail.com), if you plan to present a wreath for your organization.

# The 1779 Battle of Baton Rouge

*The Control of the Gulf and Mississippi*

*by General Bernardo Galvez*

*for the cause of the American Revolution*



Mark your calendar!

The 248<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance of the Battle  
will be held on Saturday, Sept. 27, 2025, 8:00am at

Galvez Plaza

Downtown Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Hosted by

General Philemon Thomas Chapter Louisiana Society  
Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)

In association with

South Central Louisiana Chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution  
and  
Granaderos y Damas de Galvez La Luisiana Chapter

**This is a National SAR Event! SAR Color Guard & Granadero Performance!**



Battle of Baton Rouge Challenge Coins are available for purchase now!

The Sons of the American Revolution honors our Revolutionary War patriot ancestors by promoting patriotism, serving our communities, educating and inspiring future generations about the founding principles of our country.

**Official Announcement From  
The First Amphibious Assault Monument Committee**

The First Amphibious Assault Monument Committee (FAAM) of the Florida Society Sons of the American Revolution (FLSSAR) is pleased to announce the opening of their official website, [1776Landing.org](https://1776landing.org). This website provides considerable information about the monument that will be constructed at Pompano Beach, Florida, to honor our nation's Continental Marines and Sailors who took part in the first amphibious assault operations during the Revolutionary War on 3-4 March 1776, in the Bahamas. The FAAM Committee is planning to hold the ribbon-cutting ceremony on 14 March 2026, to commemorate the 250th anniversary of our nation and this historic event, which has been overlooked until now.

The website will be continuously refreshed throughout the next several months to provide updated information about events associated with the ceremony, as well as list the new names for the Honor Roll, which contains the individuals and organizations that have contributed to the monument project. The website also contains photos that help explain where the monument will be located and has historic information about the assault on Forts Montague & Nassau in the Bahamas by our nation's continental sailors and marines during the very early stages of the Revolutionary War. The (FAAM) website is focused on supporting the mission statement of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution—to honor our patriot ancestors, support our communities, and educate and inspire our children about the founding principles of our nation.

An important feature of this website is a link that explains how anyone, even if they are not a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), can contribute to help raise funds for the monument. This link offers a straightforward way to make donations. Data about the contributions made through this link will be sent to the (FAAM) committee, ensuring that proper recognition is given on the website and in The FLSSAR Patriot Magazine.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact the (FAAM) committee at [1776landingcontact@gmail.com](mailto:1776landingcontact@gmail.com)



First Amphibious Assault Website - <https://1776landing.org/>

## Patriot of the Month

Our Patriot for the month of August is **General Richard Montgomery**.

**Early Life and British Military Service** Richard Montgomery was born on December 2, 1738, in Swords, County Dublin, Ireland, into a well-connected Ulster-Scots family. Educated at Trinity College Dublin, he joined the British Army in 1756 and served with distinction during the Seven Years' War. His campaigns included the Siege of Louisbourg, the capture of Fort Carillon, and expeditions in the West Indies, notably Martinique and Havana. Promoted to captain in 1762, Montgomery returned to Britain but grew disillusioned with the army's promotion system and the Crown's colonial policies.

**Transition to American Patriot** In 1772, Montgomery sold his commission and moved to New York, marrying Janet Livingston of the influential Livingston family. Settling into life as a gentleman farmer, he became increasingly sympathetic to colonial grievances. By 1775, he was elected to the New York Provincial Congress and appointed brigadier general in the newly formed Continental Army. Though reluctant to leave his wife and farm, he accepted the role, writing that "the will of an oppressed people...must be respected"

**Invasion of Canada and Military Leadership** Montgomery was assigned as second-in-command to General Philip Schuyler for the invasion of Canada. When Schuyler fell ill, Montgomery assumed full command. Despite limited

resources and undisciplined troops, he led successful operations capturing Fort Chambly, Fort St. John, and Montreal in late 1775. His leadership was marked by strategic acumen and humane treatment of prisoners, which earned him respect even among British officers.

**Battle of Quebec and Death** Montgomery joined forces with Benedict Arnold near Quebec City in December 1775. Facing harsh winter conditions and dwindling troop enlistments, he launched a daring assault on December 31. Tragically, Montgomery was killed instantly by grapeshot while leading the charge. His death was a severe blow to American morale, and he became one of the first high-ranking officers to die in the Revolutionary War

**Legacy and Commemoration** The British buried Montgomery with full military honors in Quebec. In 1818, his remains were reinterred at St. Paul's Chapel in New York City, where Congress had earlier erected a marble memorial. His sacrifice was widely mourned and celebrated, with counties and cities across the U.S.—including Montgomery County, Maryland and Alabama—named in his honor. He remains a symbol of early American valor and the cost of independence

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George Rogers Clark memorial at Cave Hill Cemetery in Louisville. It includes markers and flags placed by the SAR & DAR. *William Morgan*



William "Billy" Morgan posing with the monument to one of his patriot ancestors (Joseph Stith) at Ekron, Kentucky. *William Morgan*



Billy's mom helping him do research at the SAR library in Louisville.